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Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Director of Harijan Welfare will be instructed by the Government to see that the amounts that lapse for want of applications are adjusted in other districts where they are refused either for delay in receipt of applications or for some other reason? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I am not sure about it but the suggestion of the hon. Member will be examined."

Issue of medical certificates for liquor permits.

* 88 *Q*.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) who are the persons authorized by the Government to issue medical certificates for liquor permits;

(*b*) the reason for excluding honorary medical officers from such authority; and

(*c*) the number of such certificates issued after the date on which honorary medical officers were denied the power to issue these certificates?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Paid medical officers not below the rank of Civil Surgeons.

" (*b*) On grounds of administrative convenience, certifiacates from paid Civil Surgeons only are accepted for issuing liquor permits.

" (*c*) Eight hundred and ninety-four (up to 31st May 1954). "

11-40 a.m. Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the reason why honorary medical officers holding the rank of Civil Surgeon are denied the privilege of issuing certificates for liquor permits? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" On administrative grounds."

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" By giving a monopoly to the Civil Surgeons in Government service do not the Government defeat the object for which honorary medical officers are appointed and do the Government know that the largest number of permits have been issued by some of the Civil Surgeons in the City of Madras? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Government do not consider it a monopoly. I do not agree with the hon. Member in regard to the second part of the question, namely, that the number of applicants for permits have increased."

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Collector of Madras has written to the Hon. Minister about a Civil Surgeon in Madras having given a certificate to a sick person of 21 years of age who is supposed to have suffered from anæmia and sleeplessness and that liquor was absolutely

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essential for his well being? As a doctor of some years standing may I inform the Hon. Minister that for treatment of cases of anæmia liquor is not prescribed?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member may draw his own inference in the particular case."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Does the Hon. Minister know that the fee for issue of certificates varies inversely with the age of the applicant?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member may repeat the question as it is not heard clearly due to too much noise."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" The Hon. Chairman wanted me to speak through the mike. I am loud enough to be heard by all Members without a loud speaker.

" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the fee for issue of certificates varies inversely with the age of the applicant—(interruption)—which means younger the age, bigger the fee and older the age, smaller the fee?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member himself has answered the question."

Construction of " de luxe " State bus for special sightseeing tours and excursions.

* 89 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the construction of a " de luxe " State bus for special sightseeing tours and excursions;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the special bus;

(*c*) whether the Central Government have agreed to bear a portion of the cost of this scheme for the development of tourist traffic and if so, how much; and

(*d*) at what stage the proposal stands?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No Sir.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the Government will take up this matter with the Central Government in view of the importance of developing tourist traffic?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Because it is not economic, the Government of Madras have dropped the suggestion made by the Government of India."